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The Supreme Court Decision

In the case of Atheism vs. Religion, originating in Illinois, the Supreme Court of the United States rendered decision that the use of public School buildings for the purpose of teaching religion during school hours is unconstitutional. This verdict was not wholly unexpected, but it did come as a disappointment to all who are sympathetic with the program of the week day teaching of the Bible.

George Neuner, Attorney General of Oregon, has held that the Supreme Court decision does not affect the principle of released time. Consequently, those communities that have been conducting such a program in church buildings, not using school buildings, will not have their privilege abridged. The Supreme Court might reverse that decision if such a test came before them. But, at any rate, such programs may continue until a test case is brought.

Churches that have been using church buildings will do well to yield to the decision without delay and secure quarters outside the school property. This will work a real hardship on some country communities where the school building is not near a church house. But, where there is a will there is a way. It is a real challenge to the church, and we have no doubt that the church will successfully meet it.

There are two quite opposite views on the subject of teaching religion in the schools. One says that such teaching (religion, not theology) should have a prominent place in the public education curriculum. It is contended that the constitution does not prohibit the teaching of religion, but a religious establishment. If teaching of religion is constitutionally prohibited in public schools then this country is fundamentally atheistic. This is an argument hard to answer.

The other view is that churches ought not to lean upon the public schools in this matter but should face the responsibility and carry it. It is pointed out that the church has many unused hours in the week that could be used for this purpose. To do this adequately would give faint recognition to the validity of the parochial school. But, it is argued, the parochial school is not in conflict with the public school except when it is used as a substitute for it. This view has much to commend it.

The only counsel this writer has to give in the matter is, Let our churches be wholly obedient to the Supreme Court decision as it is interpreted by our official legal advisers. But, on the other hand, do not let the program of week day teaching of the Bible lessen in any degree. Madam Atheist may think she has licked the church; but she hasn't.

Corvallis

G. Hayden Stewart, pastor, has resigned to take effect in June. He will spend the summer in study. The church has grown during his four years ministry. The offerings for the Week of Compassion totalled nearly $3,500 for the three years. His leadership in establishing the Student Center has been a real contribution to the young people's work. The best wishes of the church go with him and his family. Leona Liggett, Reporter.

Easter Echoes

ASHLAND—Occupied new sanctuary first time. Floyd Ross began meeting; 1 confession, 1 statement in March. Earl F. Downing, pastor.

HERMISTON—246 attendance; cantata in evening to full house. A. L. Kribs, pastor.

WILLAMINA—304 attendance; 14 baptisms, 3 by statement. Ray C. Smith, pastor.

FOREST GROVE—First service in new building; 375 in Bible School; 3 added; 14 in last three Sundays. Offering, $1,000. Dedication set for April 25. J. D. Harden, pastor.

ST. HELENS—2 confessions. Chimes purchased in memory of Mrs. C. C. Anderson; two more lots bought. Nelson O. Cole, pastor.

PENDLETON—9 baptisms, 3 others, in pre-Easter period. Attendance, 302; offering $176.92. O. D. Harris, pastor.

H. R. VALLEY—Attendance, 237; 4 baptisms, 1 letter, 1 life dedication. Breakfast and communion service for young people. H. L. Porter, pastor.

KERN PARK—16 confessions, 3 others in pre-Easter week, E. R. Moon preaching. C. H. Addleman, pastor.

LEBANON—17 added in pre-Easter week, Ross Griffeth preaching, N.C.C. male quartet singing. 441 attendance. Holly Roy Jarvis, pastor.

CANBY—Attendance, 191, a record for Canby. John Stone, pastor.

BEND—448 attendance; 22 confessions. Pastor Len Fishback was seriously burned on face and hands from an exploding gas heater. Skin grafting necessary. Walter Naff baptized the morning converts.

GRANTS PASS—11 baptisms, 3 others during March. 435 at Bible School, 480 at communion service. Young people gave playlet at sunrise service. Gordon L. Hypes, pastor.

WALLOWA—2 baptisms, 1 by transfer. Completed 5th year with a full house. O. W. Jones, pastor.

VERNONIA—11 baptisms, 3 by statement. Still without pastor. A. F. Van Slyke supplying.

IRVING—3 baptisms, 3 by letter in pre-Easter week. Bob Kuykendall, pastor.

COQUILLE—4 confessions, 1 statement, 1 reconsecration. Attendance 300. Earl L. Soward, pastor.

SISTERS—Pre-Easter meeting by Jack Barker and Jack Turner. 139 attendance. Roger Carstensen, pastor.

SALEM FIRST—Attendance 709. Two full house morning services. 15 baptisms. Dudley Strain and Jess Goodheart, pastors.

ENGLEWOOD—300 at A. M. service; 63 at sunrise service; 5 confessions; Cantata, "The Divine Redeemer," at night. H. C. Dawson, pastor.

SILVERTON—253 at Sunday School, 325 at morning worship. 21 confessions, 1 statement. Alton Brostrom closed meeting with 40 additions. A. C. Bates, pastor.

REDMOND—195 at Bible School, 200 at morning worship. 6 confessions. 125 at Good Friday service. Walter Naff, pastor.

Direct Support Mission News

By J. Frank Cunningham

Bertrand Smith and family, of Ladysmith, Wisconsin, are seeking to complete preparations for the opening of a new work in South America. Their plan is to go into Columbia, in the upper Andes. They have considered the possibility of Venezuela in case the Columbian government will not grant resident visas. Mr. Smith has his U. S. passport, and passports have been applied for for Mrs. Smith and their three younger children. Application has been made to the Columbian consulate for Mr. Smith's resident visa. Visa applications for the family will be made as soon as passport is received. In case visas cannot be secured they plan to go to Jamaica to work with the Elliotts for a couple years while they continue efforts to get into the upper Andes country. He is arranging a speaking tour among the churches, and may be in Oregon during the latter part of June. Mr. Smith can be addressed at Ladysmith, Wisconsin, or, Box 45, Viola, Wisconsin.

Okinawa Paper

The first issue of the Okinawa Christian Mission publication appeared in March. This is an introductory issue, telling of the great need and opportunity in the island, and introducing Emeline and Harlan Woodruff and their plans for establishing a work for Christ there. Both Harlan and Emeline have been promised Living Link support; Harlan, by the First Christian Church of Newberg, Oregon; and Emeline, by the West Seattle Christian Church of Seattle, Washington. In the meantime they are working to build up a fund sufficient to take them to the field with a year's supply of food and other essential and expensive requirements. Gifts for the Okinawa Mission should be sent to Mrs. Eldon Fendall, Willamina, Oregon. We believe that copies of the Okinawa mission paper may also be secured by writing to her. It will be found to contain interesting reading.

Paul Marteeny recently sent out an annual report of his work in Alaska, in which he reports progress on the church building and the baptism of 5 converts at Homer. He has been assisting Glen Johnston there, but plans to devote his time to the homesteaders back in the hills.

La Verne Morse

LaVerne Morse, who is to be in the Wi-ne-ma Christian Service Camp again this year, writes that his parents and brothers are "still in California preparing to start to the mission field about the first of summer." He says in part: "Though the mission work has progressed well this past year, with many new native leaders being trained there is very great need for missionaries out there. Perhaps the greatest specific need is that of a well trained, consecrated Christian Doctor . . . If it is at all possible for you to do anything in the encouragement of a prospect please do so." The news letter from Dorothy Sterling, missionary nurse on the field agrees with LaVerne in this regard. Speaking of the blind and the lepers who have besought aid, and of the terrific epidemics of typhus and the prevalence of tuberculosis, she pleads that a Christian Doctor come to them. She says:

"One doctor? Where there are many thousands of people spread out over so vast an area? Where there are epidemics requiring the presence of a doctor in the village when they first begin, and the carrying of patients to a hospital several weeks journey on foot is out of the question? One doctor, when part of his time must be given to teaching those to whom he ministers? Nurses? Dear Friends, is life so sweet, does it hold so much for you that there are no nurses or doctors to answer the call? It may be a hard way of life here but it is all these people know."

Philippine Work

We received an interesting news letter (for January and February) from Robert E. Hanson telling of the work of the Philippine Mission Churches of

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Church Pensions

A Lt. General in the Army has been retired on a $550 per month pension. We know several lieutenants in the Church Army who are retired on $20.83 per month, and that with 50¢ dollars. Can you blame some of our best preachers for choosing an army chaplaincy instead of a civilian one?

Is your church and preacher enrolled in the Pension Fund? If not, why not? The Pension Plan enrollment is one of the Crusade goals. Why not make it unanimous? Write Pension Fund of Disciples of Christ, 800 Test Building, Indianapolis 4, Indiana.

Lab Schools

Mrs. Moshier, State Superintendent of Children's Work announces two laboratory schools for this summer—at Pendleton, June 6-11; and at Dallas, August 15-20. The faculties are not yet all complete and we will not announce them until they are. Ruth Reynolds, National Director of Children's Work will be the Supervisor in the school at Dallas. Later announcements will be made in these columns and detailed information may be had by writing to Mrs. R. E. Moshier, Route 3, Box 114, Eugene.

Transportation To San Francisco

Myron C. Cole was asked by the State Board to look into the matter of transportation to the International Convention at San Francisco. He has a very fine and complete report to make. A special train can be had from Portland providing there are the equivalent of 125 first class tickets. First class round trip fare from Portland will be $49.80. Second class fare will be $38.47.

First class fares will admit to a standard Pullman Sleeper: Lower berth, $16.56; upper berth, $12.54. Second class fare admits to a tourist sleeper; lower berth, $11.04; upper berth, $8.40.

Lower rates will prevail from points on the way. But it means that to get the train there must be enough tickets sold to produce $6225. If you are interested in this train write the state secretary, 512 Panama Bldg., Portlanl, Oregon.

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Notice: Items for the Oregon Christian should reach the editor's desk not later than the 1st day of the month to insure publication.

Held Over

Space did not permit the publishing of financial receipts last month. We had planned to give the two months this time. Also have the complete list of donations to the Parkrose project ready for release. But the flood of Easter reports makes it necessary to hold over another month.

Help Needed

Mrs Ethel Myers, who has managed the restaurant so efficiently at Turner for several years, is issuing a call for helpers in the task of caring for the people's needs this year. She needs helpers in the kitchen and dining room for a period of three weeks. Write her at Beaverton.

Paper Correspondent

Raphael H. Miller, Editor of the Christian Evangelist, asks us to announce to Oregon brethren that Myron C. Cole, pastor of Portland First Church, is the duly accredited correspondent of the paper for the state. He asks that you send your news to him, 721 SW Columbia St., Portland 1.

National Family Week

The observance of National Family Week has caught the imagination of religious people across the nation. The date this year is the week beginning May 2. A packet of materials has been sent to the ministers and church correspondents in the brotherhood. We hope that every pastor receiving this will make use of it. The family is the bulwark of the nation. If it breaks down the nation will break down. If it is made strong the nation can be made strong. If you don't like "packet" material then build your own program, but make use of the opportunity.

Correction

The Central Oregon district Convention will be held at Madras on May 23 instead of otherwise announced.

Milton

The Ladies Aid purchased a 50 gallon hot water heater. In appreciation of 3 years service as superintendent Carl Moon was presented with an electric clock. L. L. Goldsbury was elected to succeed him. The pastor, Russell Myers, and the Home Builders Class, built cupboards in the basement for storage. On February 6 Lawrence Cousins, Chaplain at the Veterans Hospital in Walla Walla, gave an address on "The Social Education of the Negro." In a contest between the men and women of the Bible School the men lost and had to serve supper. Irene Warner,reporter.

Clyde Freeman Closes Meeting at Jefferson

By Ed P. Dewees

Twenty-one responses were reported by Evangelist Clyde Freeman in the revival which began at Jefferson on March 7 and closed Easter Sunday. Of these 10 were by confession, 10 by transfer and 1 rededication. His next meeting was scheduled to begin at Estacada on April 4. Clyde is doing a good work and deserves the support of every man of the Ninety and Nine in prayer and in stewardship.

Father-Son at Willamina

Willamina Ninety and Niners sponsored a Father and Son banquet on March 8 and were rewarded with an attendance of 91 men and boys. The Sisterhood of the Church served a very delicious dinner, and the program committee, consisting of Dave Duncan, Al Yoast, Doug. Floyd, and Lee Mitchell Jr., arranged a fine program (with the possible exception of the message by your reporter). Al Yoast was Master of Ceremonies and called on Tony Braley, local president, for the invocation. Dave Duncan gave the word of welcome, with responses by Kenneth Shetterly and Dale Kolin.

Choruses were led by Ray Smith, pastor, and special music consisted of piano solos by Dale Propst and numbers by the Male quartet. Educational and comic movies proved a special treat with Kenneth Ramey, grade school principal furnishing and operating the projector. Vic Emmons pronounced the benediction.

S. W. Rally at Myrtle Point

The monthly meeting of the Southwestern District was held at Myrtle Point on March 8 with 32 present. Elmer Newton, North Bend, was elected as evangelistic chairman. A special prayer service was held for Brother L. T. Carstensen, pastor at North Bend, who suffered a serious illness during the past two months. The next rally will be held at Coquille on April 19.

Haskell Speaks at St. Johns

The Ninety and Nine Men's Brotherhood of the St. John's Church met on March 10 and enjoyed an oyster stew supper. John Green was chef and the serving was done by several of the ladies. Jim Bloyd led singing with Howard Cole accompanying, and Gilbert Overstreet led in prayer. A short business session was conducted by president Verlin Sheldon. "Dads" were assigned to 29 "sons" of the Bible Schools in the beginning of a plan to develop a deeper interest in these boys and their families. Bill Kelly and Bill Glasgow, of the high school group, sang a duet. Herald Haskell, Youth Director of the Central Christian Church, brought a message on "Mastered Men." April 14 was announced as the date of the local father and son meeting.

Coast District at Tillamook

The Coast District rally was held at Tillamook on March 12 with 39 men present. A fine dinner was served by the ladies and as soon as the tables were cleared the program proceeded in the dining room. Lee Doty led singing with Clifford Snyder at the piano. Jim Kimsey offered the invocation. President A. J. Swett opened a business meeting, presenting Hugh Olds, state president, who gave a short talk. The roll call was taken and reports were heard on district and state work. Clifford Snyder was guest speaker, bringing a message on faith. Barrett Whiteley pronounced the benediction, after which the rally closed with singing "God Be With You." Astoria will entertain the meeting on May 14.

Yamhill Men at McMinnville

Ninety and Niners of the Yamhill district gathered at McMinnville on March 15 and enjoyed a bountiful repast prepared by the McMinnville ladies. Grant Cole, host pastor, led several songs at the tables preceding the assembly in the auditorium. There he led another song and a prayer hymn, followed by a prayer by Martin Kullowatz, state evangelistic chairman. Mr. Elden Burnham sang, "The Holy City," accompanied by Mrs. Nate Thompson. Arnold Ledbetter, local president, presented Judge Arlie G. Walker as the guest speaker of the evening. He brought a challenging address on the responsibilities of men as Christians and Americans.

District President Ed Pratt called the business session to order immediately following the address. Short talks were given by State President Hugh Olds, Martin Kullowatz, and your reporter on the plans and progress of the state work. Roll Call revealed 95 men present with Newberg men up on their hosts, 25 to 24. Local pledges turned in toward the district budget, plus the evening offering, amounted to $289.43. Wallace Jones pronounced the benediction after the singing of "Blest Be the Tie." Newberg will entertain the May 17 rally.

Victory at Parkrose

The vision, faith, and stewardship invested in the Parkrose project were blessed in a manifold way by the Lord during the series of pre-Easter meetings conducted by Elery Parrish. Week by week and Lord's Day by Lord's Day the list of charter members grew until by the close of the special campaign on Easter Sunday night 110 had taken their stand. Many came to make the good confession and 18 had already been baptized as this copy is being written. Bible School attendance on Easter Sunday was 103 and the attendance in the morning worship service was 225. 31 people stepped forward at the invitation. Brother Elery reports that of the total membership slightly over one-fourth came from other Christian churches of the Portland area and most of those live in Parkrose district.

Receipts from members of the Millennium Minute Men to date come to $509.50. While reports are still due there ought to have been a better response for the Parkrose call. Perhaps a bit of confusion arose from the Parkrose Day offering which went toward furnishings. The Millennium Minute Men offerings go toward the actual costs of the building. If for any reason the MMM envelopes did not reach your church, please contact Ed Dewees, 9022 N. Mohawk Ave., Portland 3.

177 Attend N. W. Rally

The St. Helens Church not only had a fine congregation for Easter Sunday but also had a full house on the following Monday night as the Northwest District Ninety and Nine rally was held there. Despite the position of St. Helens in the most northerly corner (save perhaps, Vernonia) of the district, total attendance was 177. In the "battle of the charter buses," St. Johns won out, chartering two buses to Central's one, even though the second one wasn't quite full! Honesty and the record force us to admit that Kern Park won the award for the largest attendance with 44 present (and no bus), and Sellwood came through again for the percentage award. The St. Helens ladies provided plenty of ham and fixings to feed the whole gang and to provide an extra piece of apple pie for one hungry man after he retired from the auditorium.

Following an instrumental prelude by St. Helens musicians Bob Pfeiffer, of Central Christian, led the singing. A short testimony service was conducted by J. D. Harden, of Forest Grove, followed by a prayer by Hiram Dawson. A duet was sung by two St. Helens ladies. District Chairman, Bruce Saunders, conducted the business meeting, calling for a report on the state work by the writer and on the Parkrose project by Elery Parrish who was accompanied by 8 from Parkrose. Reports from others were heard and offerings and pledges of over $200 turned in. The invitation of Forest Grove Church to entertain the father-son rally in May was accepted. Another song was sung, then James Earl Ladd was presented as guest speaker, pinch-hitting for W. C. Piper, of Oregon City, who was reported ill. His message on "The Trumpet Sounds" hit a high note of inspiration. The rally closed with an invitation hymn and the benediction by Nelson Cole, host pastor.

Plans for Turner

R. A. Breckenridge, of Bend, is program chairman for the Ninety and Nine events during the Turner convention. Serving with him are Roger Carstensen, Sisters pastor, and J. E. Estep, of Lebanon. Their first meeting was held at Sisters on March 7. E. M. Eldridge, new field representative for N.C.C. will be the banquet speaker on July 3, and Clyde Freeman will teach the men's Bible Class on July 4. District assignments were made as follows: Central, banquet program arrangements; Coast, banquet song leader and program sheets; Willamette, grounds hosts July 3; Eastern, men's prayer meeting; McKenzie, men's Bible Class arrangements; Northwest, pre-convention publicity and Turner booth; Yamhill, banquet offering.

Medford First

314 in Bible School March 14. Also 1 confession and 1 by statement at the night service. The youth work is above average. Dr. Royal J. Dye was to have held a pre-Easter meeting; but on the opening Sunday morning he received a message that his daughter was stricken with paralysis and he left for home immediately. 2 added at that morning service. Delbert Daniels, pastor.

Lorane

The church building has been painted inside and out and put on a concrete foundation. Built 6 folding tables and screens for classes. A new parsonage is in process of erection. New light fixtures, new pews, new platform and carpet have been installed. A Sallman head of Christ was placed on the wall. Began a 6-weeks teacher training class on April 6. John Schmid, pastor.

Nyssa

The meeting conducted by Gene and Verna Chamberlain closed March 14 with 16 responses. There had been 11 the month previous. The visitation plan was successful. There were 6 teams of men and 4 of women. 150 prospects were visited. Total calls during meeting were 400. Had to build new pews to accomodate the crowds. George R. Whipple, pastor.

Northwestern Christian Home

Mrs. Laura K. Hill, Supt.

Mrs. Anna Abel, from Roseburg, is a new resident of Northwestern Christian Home. She came here March 5. Her birthday was April 1, 1873.

Mrs. Ruth Burgett celebrated her 90th birthday anniversary March 18. She was showered with greetings and cards to a number of more than two for each year of her age. Mrs. Burgett is still active, was able to go to a birthday party, and continues her hobby of making pot-holders and aprons.

A Valuable Gift

Northwestern Christian Home is receiving a valuable addition to its equipment. Mr. Frank L. Raidon, of Tacoma, Washington, desiring to honor the memory of his wife by some worthy gift to the work of benevolence, has contributed the money to buy a deepfreeze cabinet for the Home. One of the 21 foot capacity has been ordered to be installed this spring. This will enable us to release the rented lockers a mile away.

Easter Sunday

Easter Sunday was a good day in Northwestern Christian Home. Church services in the Home was conducted after breakfast by Walter L. Myers. Several of the Family also attended church and Sunday School in Beaverton. The women of the Beaverton Church furnished chickens for Easter Sunday dinner. Cookies were sent from Castle Rock, Washington. Mrs. Josie Dunn, of Eugene, Oregon, sent several dozen eggs. The Church of Christ in Payette, Idaho, recently sent two sacks of potatoes and a sack of beans.

Front Line Churches

The February issue of Family Talk, magazine of The National Benevolent Association, contains the recognition lists of Front Line and Dollar a Member Churches in benevolence. Front Line churchescontribute $300 or more. There were 583 of these last year. Eleven were in Oregon. Four of these, Albany, Eugene, Portland First and Salem Court Street were in the $500 or more class. There were 731 Dollar A Member churches and Oregon had 27 of these.

Annual Staff Meeting

Mrs. Hill and Mr. Myers attended the annual staff meeting of the workers of The National Benevolent Association held in St. Louis, Missouri, in March. Following the staff meeting Mrs. Hill spent a few days of vacation visiting with relatives in Oklahoma.

This annual staff meeting reviews the work of our benevolent homes during the past year and discusses plans for the next year. Three Homes: Emily Flinn, of Marion, Indiana; Juliette Fowler, of Dallas, Texas; and the new pay type home near Columbia, Missouri, have buildings under construction for enlargement of their work.

A special feature of the staff meeting this year was that of reports brought by members who had attended a conference in Cincinnati in February. That was a conference on the care of the aging and was attended by people bearing administrative responsibility in Homes for the aging under religious auspices. It proved to be of great value in its consideration of problems and trends in this area of service. A continuation committee of eleven was appointed to arrange for some future meeting. Brother J. Eric Carlson, of our Association, is one of the members of this committee. —Walter L. Myers, Field Representative.

Northwest Christian College

The Presidents Column .

From Easter to Pentecost we should be continually reminded that we serve and worship the risen Lord. It was during that time of the year our Master repeatedly appeared to His disciples and gave them the conviction which was to make them constant unto death.

Too often we are apt to proclaim the resurrection on Easter, then neglect this basic theme of Christian faith for the next fifty-two weeks. To do so is not to follow the example of the apostles. The central theme of their preaching was the fact of the death, burial and resurrection of Christ.

We must tell others the Christian message. We must always emphasize the fact of His resurrection. This is Good News in a darkened world. Let's tell it simply, tell it often, tell it with burning conviction.

This year Pentecost falls on May 16 From now on until then let's live again the experiences of the early church by proclaiming the resurrection. By so doing we may have results paralleling events of Pentecost A. D. 30. The matter rests in your hands and mine.

—Ross J. Griffeth.

Barabbas

A religious drama, "Barabbas," prepared under the direction of Professor Wm. Richardson, and staged by students in the N.C.C. Drama class, was presented during the Easter season at the following churches: Coburg, Vaughn, Creswell, Franklin, Harrisburg. Splendid attendance at all places is reported and excellent commendations of the quality of acting have been received at N.C.C.

Schedule

Events of general interest at N.C.C. during coming weeks include: Men's Fellowship Lectures April 27-29; Honor Day, May 4; N.C.C. Campus Day, May 18; Senior Chapel, June 3; Baccalaureate June 6; Board of Trustees Meeting, Alumni Banquet, Commencement, June 8; close of spring term June 11.

Easter Reports

At the time of writing this column reports of the activities of N.C.C. faculty and students during the Easter season are being collected. A preliminary survey indicates that N.C.C. personnel shared in services in at least six states and 65 congregations. Tabulation of additions, etc., will not be completed for several days.

Dr. Griffeth and the N.C.C. Male Quartet were with Holly Jarvis at Lebanon, Oregon. There were 7 confessions of faith and 10 transfers during the one week meeting. 441 attended Bible School Easter morning—a record for Lebanon. Two morning worship services were held with about 625 in attendance.

Prof. Ward Rice conducted a meeting with Dudley Strain at the First Church in Salem. Professor Rice did not remain for Easter Sunday services at Salem because he was to be at the Pleasant Hill church that day. The Salem (First Church) meeting resulted in 28 confessions and baptisms and 10 transfers of membership.

Frances Herrington provided special music, presided at the piano, and did personal work in assisting Clifford Trout of Hillsboro. There was 1 baptism and 2 transfers of membership. 346 were in Bible School at Hillsboro on Easter.

Don Leavitt, pastor at Monmouth, who is completing his graduation requirements this year, was assisted by a trio, Helen Nesby, Willetta White, and Geraldine French, in a two weeks meeting. There were 4 baptisms and 1 transfer. 127 attended Easter Bible School.

Prof. Ronald Osborn reports that during a ministry of less than two years at Creswell the congregation, which numbered 46 when he began, has had 42 additions. About one-forth of these came in during the 1948 Easter season.

More than 40 other Oregon churches could be reported on if there were room, but these samples will suggest what Spring "vacation" means at N.C.C.

Another Improvement

During the Spring vacation the stairs from the first to second floor of the Administration Building, and the hallway on the second floor, were covered with asphalt tile block. This adds much to the attractiveness of the hallway and makes the steps much safer.

Church Building And Crusading

By Muriel D. Jordan

A very timely article has come from The United Christian Missionary Society dealing with the all too prevalent problem here in Oregon of a new church building vs. Crusading. Here is an excerpt from the story: "There are hundreds of churches within the brotherhood that are having to face the problem of building. They need new buildings, or they must restore or rehabilitate their old one. There is no question as to their need, nor is there a question as to the desirability and worthwhileness of the new house of worship and the resultant increased effectiveness of the services of the church.

How Build and Crusade?

"Must the building program be set aside? Must participation in the Crusade be trimmed to fit what is left after the building program is decided upon? These are questions that face many congregations these days. Some churches have solved it very simply. 'We are building a church and cannot crusade.' Sounds rather familiar, doesn't it? There is a statement somewhat like it in the New Testament. 'I will follow Thee, Lord; but first suffer me to . . . ' If the Crusade is a call of God it cannot be set aside for building. If the need of the building is great, it should be achieved through the crusading spirit of the church. Some churches have faced this and have decided that the Crusade cannot be set aside. A church can build and crusade if it is a crusading church. Such a church is the Central Christian Church of Sharon, Pennsylvania. They had to make a decision. Here is what their pastor, E. C. Roward, Jr., said: 'When anyone, anywhere, anytime decides to crusade for Jesus Christ he must accept the requirements of sacrifice. Briefly, this is our situation. Our congregation is growing; our present building is inadequate. our church plant is quite old and in desperate need of repair. We hesitate to spend much money on it because we hope to build soon At present our plans call for a building program of $150,000. This is a tremendous sum for my people. They are mostly wage-earners. To help raise this money our current expense budget was increased. Yet, at the same time, our regular missionary giving was increased also. And, at our annual meeting recently our people voted unanimously to accept our Crusade goals, including a $1,246.60 financial goal. My people were heard to say: 'We can't forget others and think of ourselves;' 'If others can do it we can too;' 'And here is an opportunity to really test our selves."

"Certainly we do not pretend the next three years will be easy. They will be years made up of hard work, giving ourselves without reserve, humble prayer, close cooperation between members and groups, sacrifice of time and thought and money. It will be a time of private repentance and personal dedication. Our only hope for success is the complete giving of ourselves to the will of God. Alone we will fail miserably. With His help, love, wisdom and guidance we will extend His kingdom and build His church. Let our theme be this, "If God be for us, who can be against us?"

"Over in the city of Sendai, Japan, was a little church. It was established by the missionaries of our brotherhood working out of the Fukushima station many years ago. They had about 100 members and a very simple building but adequate for their membership and for their needs. Then came the war. During the years of the war nothing was heard of the little church at Sendai, but a few months ago Kenneth Hendricks, our first missionary to return to Japan, revisited Sendai and found their utter destruction. All that was left in a visible form of the little Sendai Church was a handful of molten stained glass. The church with the surrounding community was utterly destroyed following one of the devastating saturation raids of the American forces during the war.

"They, too, need a new church. At the present time they have thrown together some scrap material for a crude shelter in which their little congregation worship. They did not only just lose their church, they, too, suffered and lost everything they possessed. They have neither church nor home, and yet they have rallied and have built a small chapel out of the debris of bombed out Sendai.

"Why tell the story of these two churches? The reason is that unless the churches here at home meet their obligation of the call of the Crusade, the Sendai Church in Japan, the Drum Tower church in China, and Vigan church in the Philippines, and many others will not have their building at all.

"We offer no solution except to say that if the Crusade is a call of God a church must decide upon the relative value of its needs and the needs of the world."

News of Missionaries

Mrs. C. H. Plopper is not making satisfactory recovery from a stroke suffered last August in China, and the doctors have decided she must come home. Reservations have been made on the "President Cleveland," to leave Shanghai in June. Mr. Plopper will accompany his wife. The Ploppers are pioneer missionaries to China, having first gone out in 1903.

Miss Goldie Ruth Wells, missionary to the Belgian Congo, is now at Porterville California, where she expects to be for several months taking medical treatment.

Missionary recruits appearing before the trustees of the U. C. M. S. recently were: Raymond Walter Adams Jr., and Misses Marian Louise Duncan, Dorothy Mae Martin and Dora Jan Spear. Miss Duncan is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marion H. Duncan, Disciple missinaries to Tibet for 13 years. Mr. Duncan is at present a research analyst,

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Direct Support

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Christ. In a personal note to me, expressing his appreciation of the Direct Support Missions column in the Oregon Christian, he says: "There were 8 responses to the invitation at our meeting in Balic-Balic last Monday, February 16. This is the meeting mentioned in the February letter. We have three weeks to go in that meeting and look for great results. The result may be the planting of a new church in that part of the city or a great strengthening, at least, of the churches within a reasonable distance from that area. So goes the work around the world; it is the day to preach Christ. May we all be faithful to the task."

In the February news letter Mrs. Eleanor Wolfe Hanson says: "How deeply we appreciate every one's concern for Mother Wolf's and Edith's health. Have no fear for Mrs. Wolfe. She is truly the 'Queen Mother' of the mission. What inplicit confidence the evangelists have in her, and her counsel for them is never failing. May God grant her many, many years to lead this work in continued growth as it has known it."

An Operation

In the latest issue of the Christian Standard we note that Edith (Mrs. Benjamin) Allison underwent an operation at University Hospital, Ann Arbor, Michigan, on March 19. Mr. and Mrs. Allison were forced to return to the States some months ago because of her illness. Her doctor considers the the operation was a success; and, of course, they are anticipating the day when they can return to the Philippines.

Turner Home

Superintendent Gilstrap writes that the families of two more aged ministers are expected in Turner Memorial Home in the very near future. Robert Hendershot, the Home property manager, was away during the month of March for a revival at French Lick, Indiana. The Home dairy is furnishing an abundance of Grade A milk for the old people, and "gives a nice margin each week from the sale of milk to the dairy coop." Mrs. Mildred Nedds, office secretary and assistant matron, has been taking groups from the Home to near-by revivals this past winter. The old people enjoy this very much.

Eugene First

11 baptisms, 2 transfers on March 21. Two families were brought in by their children. The choir, under the direction of Hal Young, presented "Seven Last Words," on the evening of March 21. Visitation week led up to Easter Sunday. Hugh N. MiCullum, pastor.

St. Johns

One baptism, 5 by statement in January and February. After Easter we begin the "Sunday Night Family Hour" —a service for the whole family from 7:30 to 8:30. A building fund campaign was launched on April 1. Howard C. Cole, pastor.

H. R. Valley

E. R. Moon, veteran missionary, steam boat Captain, author, et cetera, held a two weeks meeting with two baptisms, one by statement and 4 reconsecrations. A High School boy dedicated his life to missionary service. H. L. Porter, pastor.

Building - Crusading

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employed by the U. S. Government in Japan.

As has been the custom for some months another of our State Board members has been asked to contribute a part of this column. Mrs. A. C. Lint, of Junction City, District 5 Secretary, wrote the following:

"Are you putting the accent on "U" in Crusade? Two of our national goals are 300,000 new members for our Church Schools and 500,000 homes reached for Christ. And most important, these goals are not just figures, but our own brother and sister may remain out of Christ forever if we fail now. Does your church school and fellowship have a program which is adequate for these new members when they do come? Let us not be satisfied just to win them, but let us be prepared to keep them.

Perhaps a check on the following four points may help us improve our present program:

1. Do we provide a thorough study of God's will for all of humanity?

2. Do we provide a realistic study of urgent current problems and our responsibility as Christians?

3. Do we provide the stimulus for everyday Christian living?

4. Are we actually and actively engaged in the struggle for a more Christian world?

God requires the best that is in us. He has given us this unusual opportunity of participating in a World wide Crusade. The success of the tremendous effort depends on you. Are YOU crusading?

Albany

There were 6 additions in March. Conducted a week of home-force evangelism the week prior to Easter, preceded by a week of visitation evangelism. Orville F. Mick, pastor.

BURNS—2 baptisms and 2 others in March. Paul Moore held short meeting. Have built a parsonage. Must leave theater building in 30 days. Lloyd Whitford, pastor.

NO. BEND—Roger Carstensen held a 12-day meeting with 4 confessions. L. T. Carstensen, pastor.

CANBY—Sunday School averaged 131 for five weeks. The whole work is making strides. John Stone, pastor.

MILL CITY—Tom Courtney, recently assistant at Salem Court Street, is preaching at Mill City and Gates.

MALLORY AVENUE (Portland) — 6 added by statement on March 21. Hubert E. Sias, pastor.

SILVERTON—The Easter meeting was conducted by C. Alton Brostrom. There were 15 additions on March 21. A. C. Bates, pastor.

GRANTS PASS—3 baptisms and 9 by statement from January 1 to March 21. Gordon L. Hypes, pastor.

MILWAUKIE—Reports 2 baptisms in January. Wayne Jensen, pastor.

BAKER—Joe Jewett, Heppner, becomes pastor May 2. Fortunate church!

WILLAMINA—7 confessions, 2 by statement, on March 21. 185 in Bible School. Ray C. Smith, pastor.

March S-Wanderings

SPOKANE—March 2-4 was spent at Zephyr Lodge (the camp property of the East Washington brethren) in a retreat with directors and deans of Young Peoples Conference and Pioneer Camp. It was a season of refreshment. In company with us were Delbert Daniels and Phil Ryan, who were initiated into the secrets of deaning conferences. Also Courtney Swander went as a representative of the Pioneer Camps in Oregon.

ONTARIO—March 7 was cornerstone day in Ontario. It is a beautiful building built out of native lava rock. It will be spacious and will meet the needs for a long time. We gave the morning message, also for the cornerstone service in the afternoon. The offering for the day was $700. Emil Helseth, pastor, was happy. So were everybody else.

VALE—In the evening of the same day we preached at Vale, Lloyd James, pastor. Lloyd has certainly put that church on the map in a way they have not been for many years. Hats off to him.

CORBETT—March 14 was the 35th anniversary of the Corbett Church. It was our privilege to help them eat their birth-day cake. We gave the morning message and also a brief word in the afternoon. There was a confession at the morning service. Walter Barnes is making good in a big way.

NEWBERG—The evening of the 14th was given to Newberg while Frank Cunningham, pastor, was convalescing from an operation. He was recovering nicely. There was a splendid audience and they certainly have been well trained in the art of listening.

GLADSTONE—It was mighty nice of the church to invite the S-wanderer to occupy the pulpit during Passion Week. Commencing with Sunday, March 21 the meetings continued until the 28th. Sunday audiences were big, week nights they were good. The first Sunday there were 5 confessions and 1 by statement. On top of that there were 9 other baptized. On Easter Sunday there were 2 confessions and 1 by statement. It was good to be there. Pastor Hensley is doing a work to be proud of.

GLENDALE—Monday Night, March 29, we spent at the monthly supper and business meeting and discussed with them local problems; also brought a message to them.

Sheridan

The Christian and Methodist Churches have completed a survey of the community. Will conduct evangelistic meetings from April 26 to May 16, with Kenneth Knox, Roseburg, as evangelist. Dale Sherwood, pastor.

MEDFORD FIRST—Ed Eldridge and the N.C.C. male quartet was with us April 4; One confession and one by statement in the morning service. Delbert W. Daniels, pastor.

HOOD RIVER—19 confessions and 3 by statement on Easter Sunday; offering $900; $50 offering in the Bible School. E. F. Leake, pastor.

ONTARIO—New church progressing nicely; four nights of visitation evangelism brought 5 responses Easter Sunday. Six confessions and one by statement Easter; 2 confessions the week before. E. J. Helseth, pastor.

VAUGHN—3 by Statement on Easter. Wm. Richardson, pastor.

SALEM FIRST—28 baptisms, 9 by statement on Easter. Dudley Strain.

OBITUARY

SUSAN MARGARET SPLAWN died at the home of her daughter in Denver, Colorado, on February 1, 1948. She had been a member of the Brownsville Church for many years and was devoted to it. She was active in the missionary group and was Sunday School secretary for 15 years. She will be greatly missed.

MRS. ANNA BAILEY, known familiarly to her friends as "Mother" Bailey, departed this life in Eugene on March 4. She had taught in the Sunday School for years, and was prominent in the missionary work. She was president of the Women's State Organization for several years. She will be missed by her many friends; but all will rejoice at her Home-going.

MRS. LILLIE JANE RICORD died at the Oregon City Hospital. She was a life long member of the Christian Church, formerly at Barlow and more recently at Canby. Her husband died in 1946. The memorial service was conducted by John J. Stone, pastor.

BROTHER FRENCH died in La Grande on March 19. He was a long time and faithful member of the church. He leaves a large family, all of whom are in the church—two boys are preachers. We have been guest in his home many times and know his Christian spirit. He will be missed.

S. EARL CHILDERS died in Eugene March 29. He had been ill for some time and came to Eugene a short time back. A cerebral hemorrhage was the ultimate and immediate cause of death. He was one of our best preachers on the coast and was loved everywhere. For a time he was president of our college, and for a longer time pastor of Eugene First Church. His wife and two children survive him. Sympathy of thousands go to them.

Redmond

Three by transfer. Sunday School attendance growing. The pastor, Walter Naff, assisted Yakima for one week in February and at Powell Butte for 3 weeks in March.

Wallowa

Took the confession of, and baptized, a fine young couple. Took the confession of 3 elderly people March 7. Their combined ages was 194 years. O. W. Jones, pastor.

LEXINGTON—George H. Hatch is is the new pastor and finds the prospects very promising.

Last Minute Word

Word from Bend says that Brother Fishback is recovering nicely from his burns mentioned in another item; and that his face would not need skin grafting. The doctor is not so sure about his hands. But he is certain of recovery and that is good news. There were 16 confessions, 11 by statement, and 1 Life Work recruit at their Easter service. It was the baptism of these converts that Len was lighting the water heater for.

A Son Is Born

Matthew Lyle Moore was born on April 5 to Mr. and Mrs. C. Paul Moore, at Athena. Congratulations, Paul and Mabel! Six fine sons in one family is a thing to be proud of.